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1. There is mutual dislike between the Berlin Soviet Sector Police Praesidium and the German Administration of the Interior which the SED hopes to use to clear out the top levels of both organizations. The party feels that there are no thoroughly politically reliable executives in either the Police Praesidium or the GAI. In addition, President Fischer of the GAI is considered to have done an extremely inefficient job in reorganizing the Soviet Zone police. The militarization of the police is also objected to by the party, and it is believed that Soviet Sector Police President Markgraf is going even further in the "Prussianization" of his police than the GAI had intended.
2. The SED considers the Polit/Kultur personnel of the police, particularly the Berlin police, to be unsuitable, poorly trained, and falsely oriented. As a consequence, it will attempt to reorganize P/K work from the ground up.

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